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A Conference With Cuba.

The appointment by the Cuban constituional convention of a committee to visit disposed to interpret it in a irit void of all offense to the Cuban peo-And maybe that, at last, is the difculty. The purposes of the United States toward Cuba are entirely friendly, and if they do not appear so to the Cubans on the face of the Platt amendment an explana-

anybody that the manner of advising ness of the Cubans, and thought it would and customs

that seemed to satisfy the majority of both in far from an unfriendly spirit, the Ameri-

herself, to hold for long a position of ill will or distrust toward this government.

Wanted: Porto Rican Co-operation. Carefully considered, it can hardly be said that the address presented to the

President yesterday on behalf of the peo-

ple of Porto Rico will appeal very strongly sensibilities of the general public with the result of stirring to action the rovements in Porto Rico of the kind which

eld, therefore, seem to be in the hands hands find to do. If they do this, showing the requisite qualities for self-support and self-government, and still need help, help will come. But until they manifest a willingness to help themselves they have little ground upon which to claim outside assist-

In spite of the adage about music having charms to soothe, an Oklahoma congregation got into a quarrel over a church organ, and finally resorted to dynamite.

Now that the government is proceeding against those persons accused of irregu-The government has a good deal at stake

cisions in these cases to the utmost care in

is an inheritance from Spain, and some a constituency this crowd will represent in is an inheritance from Spain, and some a constituency this crown will be necessary to change it. Un-

der Spanish rule, preying upon the government was almost a legitimate occupation. Officials made fortunes speedily, and then returned to Spain to enjoy life. The sense of the people on the subject was corrupted. and public opinion throughout the islands still shows the effects of such demoralizing

There is, therefore, no such restraining influence thrown around a weak official in the Philippines as exists and affects him here at home. The temptations are numerous. The people are complacent, and in the hour of exposure are forgiving. And so it remains for the government to correct the evil by holding every official to the most rigid accountability, and by punisning every man found recreant to his trust to the full extent of the law.

The press, too, ought to be left to the most liberal degree unhampered in dealing with these and all kindred matters. While the war was on and military plans were important a strict press censorship over publications which could even remotely aid the enemy was in order. But the war now is over. The troops are no longer active. Civil government is being established at many places, and with civil government should go its yoke mate under the stars and stripes, a free press. Let legitimate news have a show in the Philippines, and let us have in this country as much about the affairs of government there as the subject fairly demands at this distance. Muzzling or deporting editors when they show a keen interest in public matters within the sphere of legitimate inquiry is a mistaken policy at this day in the Philippines, and particularly at Manila, where so much business of public interest is transacted.

A Divorce Decision.

The decision handed down vesterday by he United States Supreme Court regarding the validity of certain divorces should have a deterrent effect upon the present reckless haste with which the marriage relation is entered and left by many people. It should at the same time stimulate the movement to secure uniform laws relating to matrimony in the various jurisdictions in this country. This decision, if fully applied in all the states, throws a heavy handicap upon the practice of husband or wife, seeking divorce, deliberately choosing "residence" in a state whose laws suit the particular case. It is notorious that during the past few decades divorces have been granted in the Dakotas, in Oklahoma and some other western communities which have had no real basis in the broad moral law or in the statute law of the real place of residence. Such divorces are properly to be regarded as fraudulent, as they are unquestionably a scandalous violation of the true principles of social morality. Some of the states have openly invited this patronage, for the profit of the residence of divorce seekers, many of whom are prone to spend heavily to make their temporary exile from their real homes endurable. But it has not required this bid to cause dissatisfied matrimonial partners to leave their own states for more complacent regions. So lax is the interstate agreement on this subject that divorces are obtainable close at hand, often merely across the border, when the law of the state of domicile is unfavorable. This condition of affairs almost wholly nullifies the good effect of a restrictive divorce law. It confines its operations to the poorer classes, while permitting the wealthy to snap their fingers at the moral requirements of society and at the statutes and to reduce the mod-Court declares that a divorce obtained outside of the state of legal residence of both husband and wife is filegal. This leads to the assumption that the second marriage of one of the parties to such a divorce is likewise illegal and void. The decision viewed in this light, warrants a broad inquiry into the validity of hundreds of marriages contracted by the parties to divorces secured in foreign jurisdictions. Such a general overhauling of marital titles but it would probably point to the absolute necessity of a revision in the direction of uniformity of the marriage and divorce laws of the republic.

Judge Cole's Resignation.

Judge Cole will retire from the bench to resume his private law practice with the high regard and best wishes of the entire community. His eight years of service have more than justified his selection. He was recognized as an energetic, capable pracney met with general approval. In that office he demonstrated his capacity and the promotion to the bench which interrupted his work as prosecutor was regarded as well deserved. In his rulings Judge Cole has displayed a strictly judicial temperament, coupled with an intelligent appreciation of the complex system of laws here in vogue and in his term the community has been well and equitably served. It is unfortunate that the emoluments of the post are not such as to justify the continued service of so capable

The charges of fraud in Manila will provoke much regretful comment. But the any efforts in this direction constitute the chief safeguard of this country's new enterprises. It is, on the whole, better to have early assurances that there is to be no winking at the frauds which will inevitably be attempted.

The Cuban delegates may go back with ambitions to make Havana a city like Washington. If this project could be seriously undertaken it would probably suffice to keep Cuban statesmen wholesomely busy for a hundred years or so, and obviate much discussion of delicate topics.

The New England Methodist conference passed a resolution against fishing on Sunday. This is doubtless good discipline for the small boy, although he will have to be watched to keep him from taking the bent pin to church instead of dropping it into the pool.

The United States has no reason for wishing to interfere in foreign complications so long as it can go on furnishing the ships, locomotives and mules,

The gentlemen who declared some time ago that the prosperity was only for electioneering purposes are still waiting their turn for prophetic vindication.

It is now believed that David Hill would have the effrontery to think that he could tell Bryan a few things about what Thomas Jefferson meant.

Anti-Tammany Democrats Revolt. According to a call just issued, signed by 150 anti-Tammany democrats of all the five boroughs of Greater New York, a meeting is to be held Thursday night for the purpose of launching a movement to defeat the regular democratic organization at the next mayoralty election, in the fall. In the call the Tammany machine is scathingly denounced as gullty of extravagance and corruption in the municipal management. The names signed are only "middling" as rethem are John D. Crimmins, John C. Sheehan, formerly leader of Tammany Hall; E. Ellery Anderson, who has participated in various reform movements, and former Surrogate Ransom. Peter B. Olney, brother of the former Attorney General of the United States, is among the signers. It remains to be seen how large a gathering ferent from that in the United States. It | the call will produce and then how much of

ble filling a hall in New York when political fireworks are promised. Mr. Bryan has learned that the vote on election day is not always foreshadowed by the attendance at a meeting. It is easy enough, too, to organize an "anti" movement early in the campaign. But will it hold its strength to the voting point? Will it, furthermore, coalesce with the other anti-Tammany factors to form the most effective combination? That is a difficult task, as the reformers of the metropolis learned to their sorrow in the campaign which gave Van Wyck the chair. With every possible motive for combination, with certain defeat staring them in the face if they did not unite upon a single candidate, they persisted in a split which gave the regular democracy an easy winning, and which would probably have led to practically the same result even if Henry George had not died on the eve of election. Will a coalition between republicans and anti-Tammany democrats be easier than one between republicans and non-partisan reformers? There can be no doubt of the great need of coalition. An effective union voting solidly next November would serve well the metropolis and, indeed, the whole country.

A statistician puts it that Alaska has only eleven hundredths of an inhabitant to the square mile. Of the many pictures of arctic desolation, this one of a lonely fraction looking vainly across the bleak snow drifts for its other eighty-nine one hundredths is perhaps the most affecting.

People associated with J. Pierpont Morgan in business are extremely solicitous about his health. It must be embarrassing to a man to feel that he cannot sneeze without incurring the possibility of a panic.

If Li Hung Chang had let politics alone and turned his attention to the railroad business he might today be almost as important a man as J. P. Morgan.

Kansas now looks with suspicion on any man who will stop to talk politics when there is such a crying need of farm hands. It is almost time for a new gold deposit

and another sea serpent to be discovered. SHOOTING STARS.

Compensation.

"How would you like to be a czar and have everybody afraid of you?" asked the ambitious person. "I wouldn't like it," answered the plod-

der, "unless I could manage it without being myself afraid of everybody else." A Standard of Comparison.

Perhaps some contrast does us good. And makes existence snappy. If no one had the blues, how could We tell when we were happy?

A Useful Gift, "Does Josh use that nice new alarm clock

sent him from the city?" asked Farmer "Yes," answered the young man's mother.

"He seems perfeckly fascinated. He carries it around with him all the time." "But does he use it to get up by?"

"No. He uses it mor'n that. He sets it twice a day, once fur dinner an' once fur supper. He says he ain't so pertickler about breakfast.

Unavoidable.

"Why do you wander aimlessly from place to place?" inquired the philanthropist. "Well," answered Meandering Mike. 'eight hours' sleep a day is enough fur anybody. An' we've gotter do somet'ing wit' de other sixteen hours, ain't we?"

Consistent. "You used to be in favor of smashing monopolies," said the friend.

"I am so still," answered Senator Sorghum. "But I believe the only sure way to deal with an evil is to nip it in the bud. Every time I see a growing concern that threatens in the course of time to monopolize the business of a certain limited territory I am in favor of smashing it without delay and turning the field over to a

The Lengthening Days. Oh, de daytime's gittin' lazy, Jes' like me,

While we're waitin' foh de daisy An' de bee.

You'll notice sence de song birds stahted up de April tune How slow de day is, gittin' on f'um break-

fas' time till noon. I doesn' blame de daytime-

No. sirree. Foh loiterin' in dis gay time,

Jes' like me. Dar ain' no use o' hurryin' to git de springtime done.

An' so he takes an extra hour f'um noon till set o' sun.

I don't want no mo' winter: Not a bit.

Dem short days don' begin ter

Make a hit.

I likes de season when de green is shinin'

on de trees, An' me an' Mistuh Daytime is puhceedin' at our ease.

Telephone Messages Should Be Secret. From the New York Mall and Express.

The fact that several telephone operators were summoned to court in the Patrick case, and required to give testimony as to calls and connections made by and between certain wires at certain times, may not prove a very important element in the solving of the Rice murder riddle, but there is another side to it that seriously concerns every citizen. For, unless there can be the same protection for confidential communica-tions over the telephone that the law has always granted to mail matter and to telegrams, then business which today depends so much upon the newer means of com-munication will be much handicapped. Evidently, from forcing a "central" em-ploye to divulge the time of certain conversations between certain subscribers, it is but a step to ask her the nature of the conversations; and since she is but human, it is not impossible that in some case she would be able to answer this question also. The common law provides no safeguard The common law provides no safeguard against this, since it grew up before the invention of electrical far-talking. Clearly the statute law should remedy the omission; not to protect murderers, though that might occasionally be the effect, but to shield legitimate business from the possible injury that might come to it from such revelations and sended by the threat should be such as the such sended by the threat should be such as the such sended by the threat should be such as the such sended by the threat should be such as the tions, and especially to throw about the invaluable telephone service that atmosphere of sanctity without which the transaction of important business over the wires might

become impossible and would certainly be greatly hampered. Legislation should make telephonic com-muncation as absolutely and inviolably con-fidential in all its phases as are the mails, or confessions of a priest or consultations with a doctor.

Not True History.

The statement that "monuments and biographies are lies," made by Sculptor Simmons in defence of the historical inaccuracies in the group of figures on the tablet on the pedestal of the recently un-veiled Logan statue, is scarcely reassur-ing. The recording of history as we could wish it might have happened is not his-

Willing to Take the Risk.

The Washington fire department says the White House is a firetrap, but no difficulty is anticipated in securing another tenant when Mr. McKinley's lease expires.

The Woods are Full of 'em. From the Pittsburg Dispatch. Those who think that W. J. Bryan is the only hope of the democratic party in 1904 can obtain information to the contrary by consulting David B. Hill, Arthur P. Gorman, Carter Harrison, Tom Johnson and several others. ******************** Barber & Ross, 11th & G Sts.

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